

El Paso, flowers brown-purple, Aug. 13, 1946, *D. S. Correll 13837* (holotype, SMU); rare perennial in sandstone ledges of McKelligon Canyon, Franklin Mts., July 16, 1949, *B. L. Turner 1286* (SMU); infrequent perennial on east lower limestone slopes of Franklin Mts., El Paso, Apr. 19, 1952, *B. H. Warnock 10422*; infrequent low herb, limestone soil, east lower slope along the arroyos of the Franklin Mts., about 7 miles from El Paso toward the White Sands, Sept. 29, 1956, *B. H. Warnock 14291*.

Lauramay T. Dempster, of the University of California, was kind enough to examine these specimens, and, as she pointed out, they are most closely related to *G. parishii* H. & H., of California and Nevada. The hispidulous indument and elliptic to elliptic-oblong leaves of *G. frankliniensis* are quite different from that species.

SPERMACOCE FLORIDANA Urban, Symb. Antill. 7:550. 1913. *Spermacoce portoricensis* A. Gray, Syn. Fl. 1, pt. 2. 34. 1884; Small, Fl. Southeast. U. S. 1117. 1903, *non* Balb.

Cameron Co., in Palm Grove, Mar. 9, 1942, *C. L. Lundell 10645* (LL, TEX); July 1942, *A. M. Davis s.n.* (TEX).

This species, which heretofore has been known from Florida and the West Indies, is new to Texas. It differs from *S. tenuior* L., its nearest ally in Texas, in that its corolla is essentially glabrous within instead of being noticeably pubescent, and its subglobose glabrous fruit is 1–1.5 mm long in contrast to the didymous-obovoid mostly puberulent fruit of *S. tenuior* which is 2–2.5 mm long.

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NOTES AND NEWS

LIBRARY MAILING RATES FOR HERBARIUM SPECIMENS.—Congress, in its recently passed postal bill, enlarged the concept of library mailing rates to include herbarium specimens as well as other kinds of systematic collections (Sect. 135.14, *Postal Manual*). Specimens sent at library rates must be addressed to an institution, not to an individual, but the package may be marked to the attention of an individual at an institution. Packages cannot exceed 70 pounds each nor a length plus girth of more than 72 inches. In view of the low cost of sending herbarium specimens at this rate, I suggest that we send domestic loans prepaid. It will save us all money in the long run.—JOHN H. THOMAS, Dudley Herbarium, Stanford University.